



BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MS. BETTY T. YEE, ACTING MEMBER
450 N STREET, SACRAMENTO, ROOM 121
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BUSINESS TAXES

Streamlined Sales Tax Project (SSTP)

- **Designating a Board of Equalization Member to meet with the California SSTP Board of Governance appointing authorities.**

Discussion:

Legislative Committee Chair Ms. Yee suggested that one or more Board Members might be willing to talk to the appointing authorities of the Senate and the Assembly to gauge their level of interest in the SSTP.

Margaret Shedd briefly explained what current law provides with respect to the composition of the Board of Governance and the reports that are required of the Board of Governance for distribution to the Assembly and Senate Revenue and Taxation Committees.

Action:

Ms. Yee will take the lead in meeting with the appointing authorities, and Mr. Leonard will seek the opinion of the current Director of the Department of Finance regarding the Administration's desired level of participation of California in the SSTP, including the option of pursuing legislation to revise the composition of the Board of Governance. That revision may include designating the State Board of Equalization to assume the role and responsibilities of the current Board of Governance.

New Business (continued)

Streamlined Sales Tax Project (SSTP)

- **Determining level of California's continuing participation in SSTP.**

Discussion:

Larry Bergkamp explained the current level of involvement by staff of the BOE with the Board of Governance, as well as with the SSTP.

Ray Hirsig explained MTC's current level of involvement with the SSTP and described the services that MTC could provide on behalf of California in connection with MTC's attendance in SSTP meetings.

Lenny Goldberg, representing California Tax Reform Association, spoke in favor of the BOE participating in the SSTP, since the Board Members are both elected officials and chief administrators of California's sales and use tax program.

- **Status update – May 17, 2006, Board Legislative Committee meeting.**

Action

Board Members will report back on May 17 on their discussions with the appointing authorities. Ms. Shedd will coordinate the reports.

Mr. Hirsig will report back on May 17 on the status of formalizing the Board's relationship with MTC on this issue.

Approved: /S/ *Betty T. Yee*
Ms. Betty T. Yee, Chairwoman

/S/ *Ramon J. Hirsig*
Ramon J. Hirsig, Executive Director

BOARD APPROVED

at the 4-18-06 Board Meeting

/S/ *Gary Evans*
Gary Evans, Acting Chief
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